***GIFT (ARTS REFLECTION)***

To what extent do the arts help us to see the world with new eyes?

The arts make us see the world with new eyes but sometimes they do not. There are some works of art that are mere imitations of reality and they only show us what we already know and see so this does not make us see anything from a new perspective but instead they just emphasize the things about the world we live in today. In some cases it is very hard to see things from a different perspective because you are not able to make out what sort of message the artist is trying to give out or the message that you acquire from the piece of art may not necessarily be the message that the artist was trying to depict or it might be perceived as anything and will therefore have no importance to you whatsoever. A large percentage of most works of art help the audience to look at the world from a whole different angle and an example of a piece of art which may have an effect of this manner is a painting of nature. To someone that nature painting could help them perceive the world differently and appreciate nature and be able to see how beautiful the world can really is and that is the beauty of art.

Is art the language of emotion?

Art is one of the ways in which people are able to freely express what they are feeling. The expressing of emotions is one of the reasons why people do art in the first place. The artist may have done something wrong in the past therefore they use their art with an intent to try and tell people not do those things, it’s also known as catharsis. We can further say that it is the language of emotion because when the artist is creating the piece of art their intention is mostly to evoke an emotional response from the audience e.g. “I love this painting, it makes me very happy”. Such a comment is emotional because the person is saying how they feel after having seen the painting. I feel that the way people are affected emotionally is what leads them to judge whether the piece of art is good or not and the other things such as their perspective and personal opinions merely just encompass their emotions. Art is a form of emotional expression that will never die and is the one form of expression which has the greatest impact on people and their views.